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WORLD WAR TWO

By BOB HENDERSON

Imagine sitting in the front lines during 1944. Suddenly the drone of an enemy aircraft approaching sends everyone scuttling for cover.

It passes on with immunity to the remarks of the foot soldiers. Much to their surprise, no explosions rent the air.

Instead a storm of paper four inches by five and three quarter inches comes fluttering down.

At first glance will show an attractive female on one side, with the following remarks: "Point One" - "What chance have you to get home alive?"
"Point Two" - "And if you get home, what are you facing?"

On turning it over, you read "Two important points: When you study these important points closely, you will arrive at the following conclusion:

Point One: Your chance to get home safe and sound is rather small. It will soon be almost nil because all the new German lethal weapons are going to be tried out on you.

Point Two: If you do get home, you will face unemployment and an economic crisis of unprecedented dimensions in a country loaded with debts that your children's children cannot hope to pay.

Is that worth fighting for?

You manage to grab a second page as it blows by in the wind. It shows a "girl next door" seated beside a telephone with the following remarks: "What about calling up Sam LEVY....!"

Joe is so far away there on the front, and I'd love to go out and have a good time again. There's so little chance of Joe coming home. Well, I guess I'll just give Sam a call, he'll take me out.

The reverse side reads: "You have a date with death -- Your girl has a date with Sam LEVY".

At first, she hesitated a bit about calling up Sam, the war profiteer. But then she said to herself, "There's no point in waiting any longer for Joe to come back, the war seems endless, and the best years of my life are passing by..."

You'll have to be in uniform for God knows how long. Your life is pretty well smashed up. So don't think the worse of your girl if she likes to have a good time every now and then. Don't grudge her to that bright war dodger Sam LEVY.

In return you are seeing something of the world and taking part in this jolly old war.

A buddy let's you read one he found that is 8 x 11 inches.

Page one shows Italy and Sicily floating in a sea of blood and covered from Rome south with grave markers. It is accompanied with the remarks, "I have nothing to offer but blood and tears", Churchill, May 13th, 1940.

Page two has Soldiers of the United Nations.

Your widely advertised advance in Italy has become a "War of Inches". Enormous losses in dead and wounded have already been inflicted on your troops. You thought that Italy would be an easy prey thanks to the treason of BODOGLIO. However, in the malarial Pontine Marshes, at Anyeō-Nettuno and in the rough inhospitable Abruyyi your illusions were shattered.

Here you are facing German soldiers, whose grit you remember from the days in France, Norway, Greece, Crete and Africa and who have become still harder in their fight against bolshevism.

"Keep on fighting" your politicians tell you. And they make you believe that you are not beleaguering the "fortress of Europe" in vain, that the R.A.F., and the U.S. Air Force are destroying that fortress from the air, that the German munition factories and armament plants are being wiped out and the transportation system and the supply bases paralysed. Your leaders tell you that the German army will soon have no more arms and war material and that the war will be won in a few months by the United Nations.

Page three: Soldiers of the United Nations.

The air offensive against Germany started with a tremendous effort.

True, thousands of German women and children were killed or wounded. Thousands of churches, schools, hospitals and homes were burned to ashes. However, one thing is clear: The German war industry cannot be hit decisively, for the plants are spread all over Europe. In vain you suffered heavy losses in dead and wounded. Precious material was wasted. New German arms, panyers, assault guns and the dreaded "sobbing sisters" are still appearing on the front. The Allied air offensive turned into a crushing defeat.

Look at the result of a single week -

ALLIED AIRPLANES SHOT DOWN:

Feb. 20, 1944	83 airplanes,	all	83	four-engined bombers
" 21, "	49 "	incl.	40	" " "
" 22, "	33 "	"	25	" " "
" 23, "	119 "	"	95	" " "
" 24, "	45 "	"	37	" " "
" 25, "	166 "	"	143	" " "
" 26, "	106 "	"	102	" " "

Shot down in one week - 601 airplanes, incl. 525 four-engine bombers.

These are the figures which even Reuter's admitted on February 28th. In one week more than 5000 airmen were lost. They were burned to death, shot to pieces, or crashed with their planes. Did this kind of air offensive bring you any relief? No! Under such circumstances there is no hope for you to win the war. Do you want to be sacrificed in vain causing untold grief at home? Think it over, then you'll know what to do.

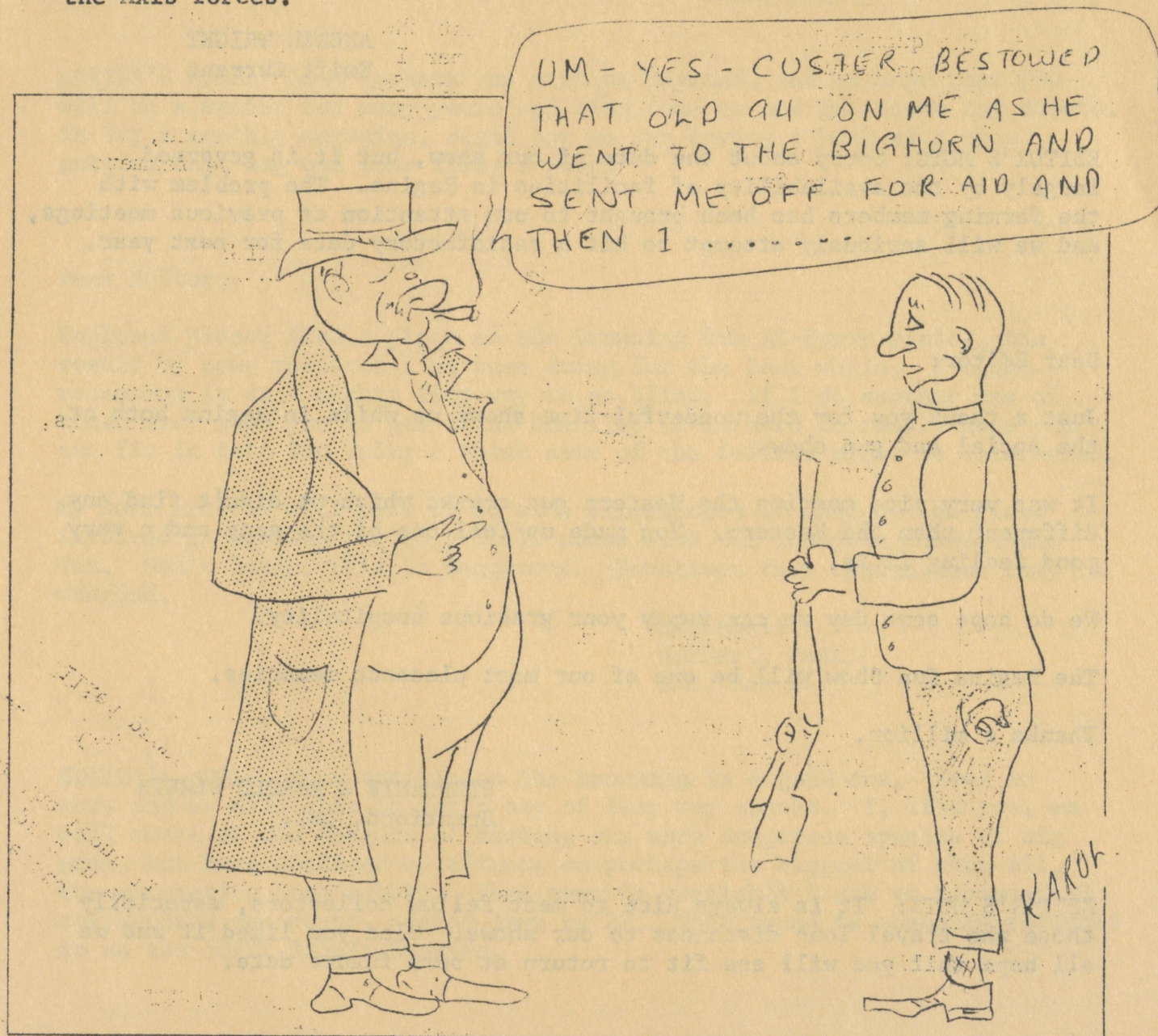
Churchill could offer you nothing but blood and tears. The German soldier offers you fair treatment, ample and nourishing food and a happy return to your wives and children after the war.

That is the result of the bombing war ...

Page four depicts a coffin and burial shroud above the notation "No longer flying fortresses - Flying coffins".

These are examples of propaganda dropped in Italy during 1944 by the Axis forces. Written in a language that could be understood by anyone, regardless of their education. It no doubt played a part in the attitude of the men huddled in the trenches, on both sides of the front line.

Possibly someone can supply an example of Allied propaganda used against the Axis forces.



THE MEMBERS Write

EDITOR:

I am a new member in the field of collecting, my specialty being old guns, pistols and anything in the Nazi field.

I note in the quarterly journal of Gun Talk that the annual gun show is being held on August 23, 1964. Being a farmer I feel you could not have picked a much worse date, as this is the farmers busiest time of the year, as is the middle of April to the middle of June. I attended the Calgary gun show which was held on March 27th and 28th, a date more suitable for farmers. Perhaps it will rain so that we farmers will have the pleasure of attending your annual gun show.

ANDREW WRIGHT
Swift Current

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sorry about the date of our show, but it is governed largely by the availability of facilities in Regina. The problem with the farming members has been brought to our attention at previous meetings, and we will seriously attempt to hit a satisfactory date for next year.

Dear Editor:

Just a thank you for the wonderful time shown us while in Regina both at the social and gun show.

It was very nice meeting the Western gun cranks which we didn't find any different than the Eastern. You made us feel one of the gang and a very good feeling it is.

We do hope some day we can repay your gracious hospitality.

The Regina Gun Show will be one of our most pleasant memories.

Thanks a million.

STEPHANIE & HAROLD SLEETH
Brantford, Ont.

EDITOR'S NOTE: It is always nice to meet fellow collectors, especially those who travel long distances to our shows. Glad you liked it and we all hope that you will see fit to return at some future date.

Dear Editor:

I am including \$4.00 for one year membership fee. For years I have been buying Gun Magazines at News Stands. After looking through the ads and seeing all those good bargains, makes a man get that far away look in his eye and gives him an idea of moving his collection south of the border, leaving his better half with the family with the mere details of earning a living so he can devote more time to his pleasure.

How I learned about your Association, well one day I was swapping lies with Cons. Robertson of our local R.C.M.P. (all Winchester collectors do you know sometimes). I hasten to assure you, otherwise, his conduct is above reproach. I was then graciously introduced to your magazine, quite a surprise, a Canadian Magazine and what do you know, printed right here in Saskatchewan. Needless to say I am glad to be sending in a membership fee.

Here's hoping that we can make it a monthly magazine in the not too far future, I remain

RAYMOND BAILLARGEON
Vawn, Sask.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Glad to have you with us Raymond, and we hope that you will be a member for many years and also come to our gun shows and shoots. As for a monthly magazine, right now we are having a heck of a time getting this mag out four times a year.

Dear Editor:

Enclosed please find a piece on the Browning 9mm Hi-Power Pistol, the result of some research I've been doing for the last while. I might recommend it as a mighty fine way to go blind. If I do another one of these very soon you'll get it in Braille; it is hard to read. Hope you can fit it into Gun Talk; I think some of the fellows might be interested.

My next article will have to do with elimination of most of the risks involved in hunting the wily field mouse with the Thompson Sub-Machine Gun. Don't laugh; this is dangerous. Sometimes they charge when they're wounded.

Jay Abell,
Herbert, Sask.
P.O. Box 247.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Your article on the Browning is a good one. Send in more and we will chip in for a set of four way specks. I, like you, am well aware of the dangers of hunting our more dangerous species of big game, but have confined my efforts on perhaps the biggest of them all, the man-eating bush rabbit. When ammo is available I use an improved 50 cal Machine gun round, necked down to 22. This round is commonly referred to as the 50/22 Rabbit Express.

Dear Editor:

Just a short note to let you know Saskatoon is still here and to send some information along about our pet project.

The Saskatoon Muzzle Loading Club was incorporated 1 October 1964, just a year after the site for the range was first visited. Clearing of brush and scrub trees was started in September of 1963 but it wasn't until the latter part of June this summer that a bulldozer was available to level off the range and push up a fifteen foot high bank of sand for the butts. There was a little work done most weekends during the summer and about an equal amount of shooting. Finally in October clearing was finished and the bench rests, pistol points and a special table for plinkers was completed.

If the enclosed pictures can be reproduced the descriptions of the range will be a little more meaningful.

Photo #1 looking south from top of the backstop shows general layout of the firing points. A full fifty yard range with the targets moved to the different yardage distances. Six bench rest positions, including one left handed position are to the west of the firing line. Three tables for pistol are in the centre, with 3 spaces each, for a total of 9 pistol positions and to the left of the picture or the east side of the range is a special 8 ft. bench built on the style of a picnic table for plinkers. Full width of the firing points is some 60 ft., with the backstop of equal distance.

Photo #2 shows the plinking table in the foreground. This special innovation is mainly for 22 cal. firing for the wives and younger members of the club shooting instruction, and just shooting gallery fun. Pistol tables in the centre are spaced with opening for shooters to go forward to targets with a minimum of confusion but a maximum of space saved over individual tables. Bench rest positions beyond the pistol tables and in the background can be seen as part of the picnic area with a barbecue pit and picnic benches under the trees.

Photo #3 is from behind the firing points, looking northeasterly, showing partly the natural amphitheatre of the range location. On the rise behind the firing line rows of bleachers can accommodate a large crowd, all seated, and no one standing in front of another or interfering with those on the firing line. A fence will separate the spectators and shooters, and completely enclose the range.

#4 Photo gives an indication of construction of the bench rests, 4x4 cedar posts in the pure sand, taped with cement forms used in basement construction and steadied with 2 x 4's all around. The rests are for individual firing, have a cutout and a seat, a shelf for powder and other muzzle loading accessories.

The location was quite heavily treed and as many as possible were saved so that even on a windy day outside, a lighted match can be held in your hand. It takes a strong wind and from a southerly direction to effect the shooting arm.

Another point to mention is that the backstop and "floor" of the range

of very fine sand, not a pebble can be found to ricochet a bullet out of range boundaries.

Negotiations are now under way to have a small club house for the range. This will serve as a stand for the range officer, storage of shooting supplies, and kitchen for hotdogs, cold drinks, etc.

It seems like there is still a long way to go to have everything in tip top shape for the Saskatchewan Gun Collectors' Association shoot next spring along with the gun show, but when we look back at the progress made in one year and with the enthusiasm that comes every spring, we should be able to show you one of the best muzzle loading ranges in the West.

LES SMITH

p.s. Sorry to have missed the Rivers Show. Was out of town Saturday on a job and just couldn't make the mileage.

Could you use a series of articles for the Gun Talk on Civil war carbines or shall we say breach loaders and muzzle loaders of about 100 years ago? We're accumulating a few guns here and a lot of dope on them. Maybe a gun or two or three per issue - we could string them out awhile and the effort would help me compile a lot of loose odds and ends of information on each gun. Would like to hear your comments.

Les

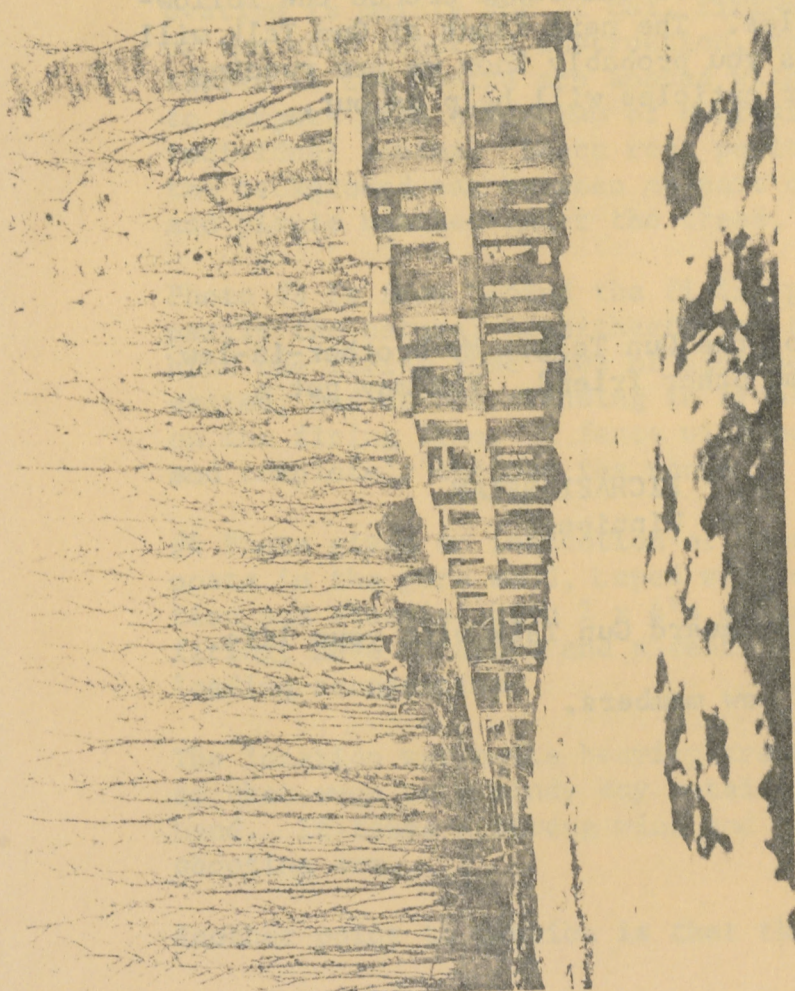
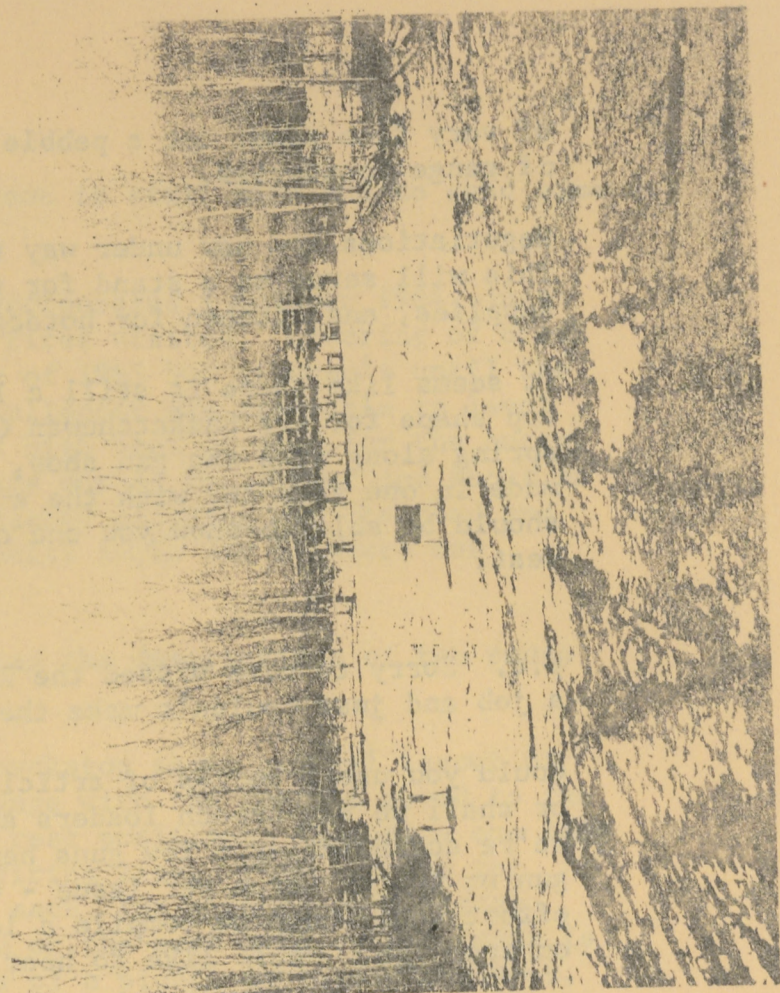
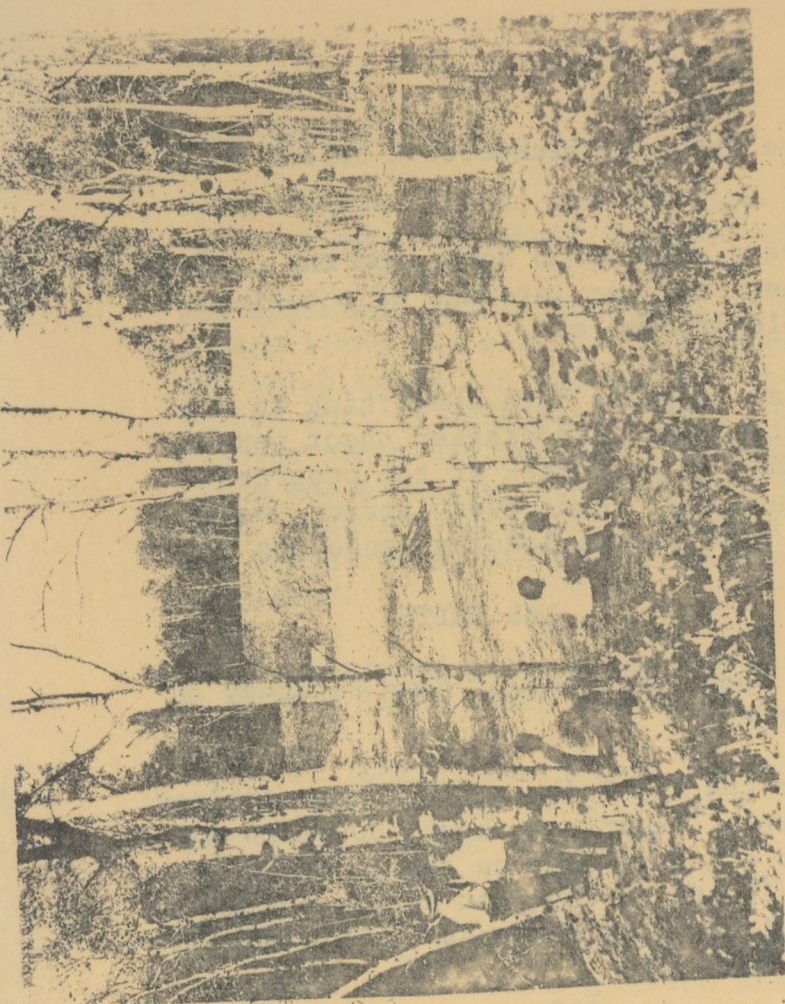
EDITOR'S NOTE: Nice to hear from you again Les. Your Saskatoon bunch is doing a swell job there. The pictures of the range are on the following page. PLEASE send in your articles. The next issue of Gun Talk will be out in a month and we need it. As you probably know we are running about two months behind now, and your articles will help us out.

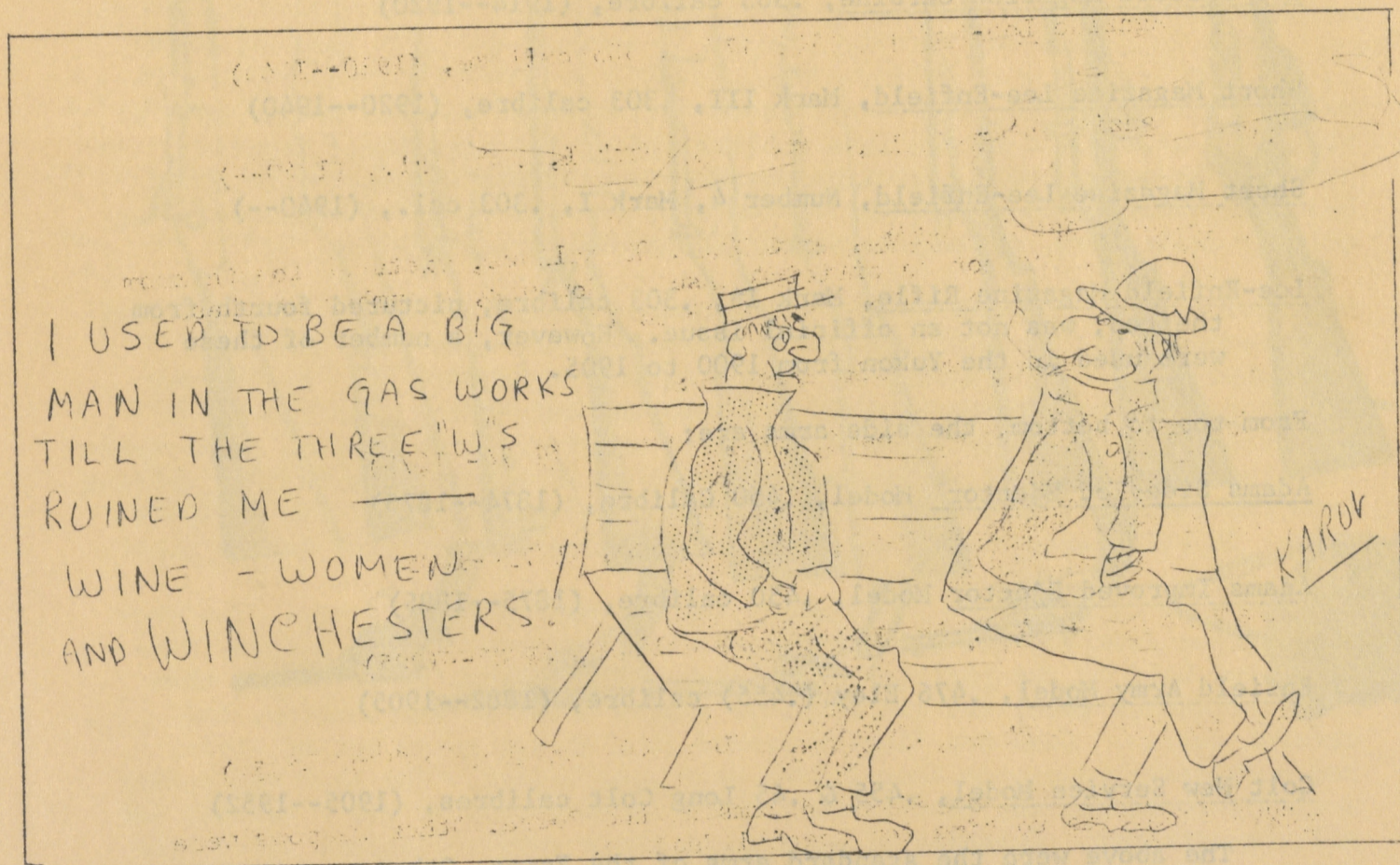
Dear Editor:

I thoroughly enjoyed the last issue of the Gun Talk. My brother-in-law borrowed it and then loaned it to some other friend. You may get a couple more members this Fall.

MICHAEL BELAN
Winnipeg

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mike, as I always said, guard Gun Talk with your life. Would be real glad to get a couple of new members.





MOUNTIE ARMS

By R. Phillips

The red-coated riders that tamed the Canadian West carried a variety of weapons. Pictured here, for the first time, is the complete official issue of shoulder and side arms from the time of the inception of the North-West Mounted Police, in 1873, until the mid-1950's. From top to bottom, the shoulder arms are:

Snider Carbine, Mark III, .577 calibre, (1873-1885)

Winchester Carbine, Model 1876, .45-75 calibre, (1878--1914)

Ross "Carbine", Mark I*, .303 calibre, (1905--1907)

Lee-Metford Magazine Carbine, .303 Calibre, (1895-1914)

Ross Rifle, Mark II*, .303 calibre, (1909--1912)

Lee-Enfield Magazine Carbine, .303 calibre, (1914--1920)

Short Magazine Lee-Enfield, Mark III, .303 calibre, (1920--1940)

Short Magazine Lee-Enfield, Number 4, Mark I, .303 cal., (1940--)

Lee-Enfield Magazine Rifle, Mark I*, .303 calibre, pictured fourth from the top, was not an official issue. However, a number of these were used in the Yukon from 1900 to 1905.

From top to bottom, the side arms are:

Adams Side-Rod Ejector Model, .450 Calibre, (1874--1875)

Adams Improved Ejector Model, .450 calibre, (1875--1885)

Enfield Army Model, .476 Eley (.455) calibre, (1882--1905)

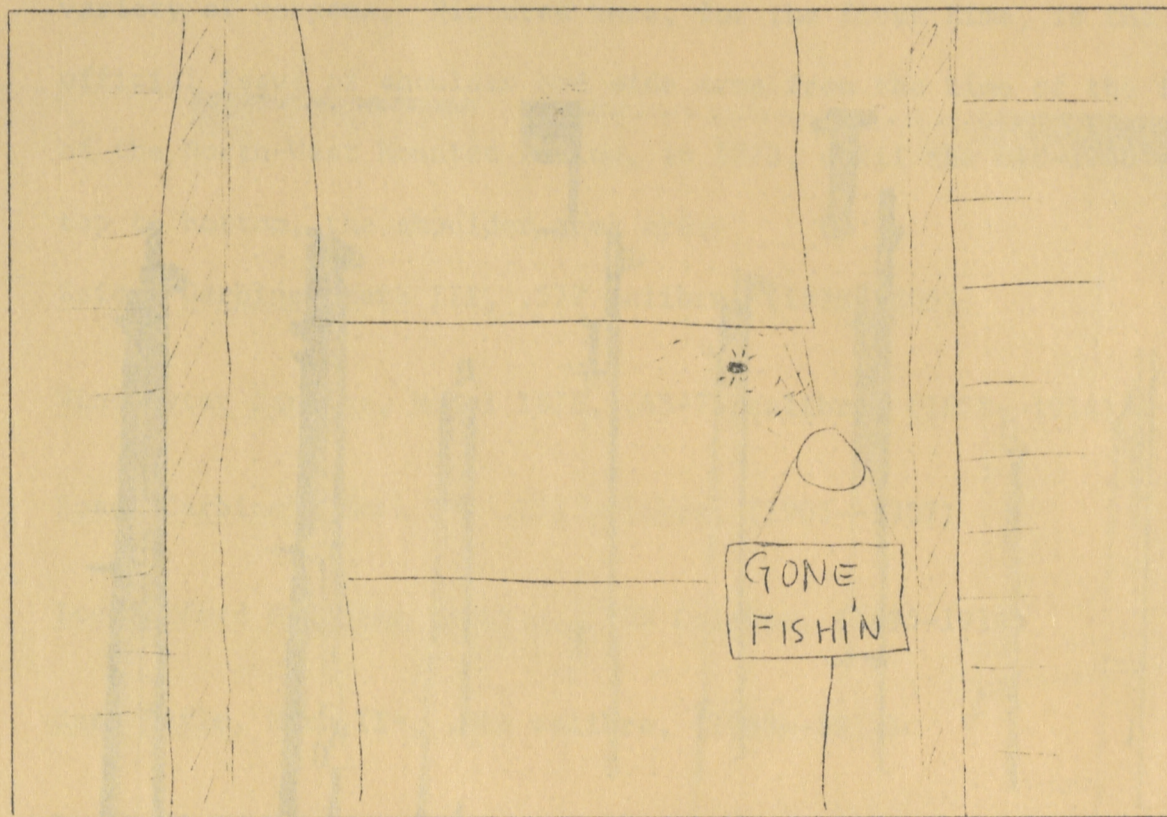
Colt New Service Model, .455 & .45 Long Colt calibres, (1905--1952)

The above were the standard arms of the Force. Other weapons were issued from time to time for special duties.

MOUNTIE ARMS



THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Well this issue of the Secretary's desk will have to cover a longer span of time than usual, due to the late publication of the magazine. Regular business at our monthly executive meetings progressed as usual with shows being organized, plans made for the future, and all sorts of business being quickly dealt with, as only an organization of amateurs can do.

One such meeting was held at the club room of Molson's Brewery, and the meeting was probably the most orderly we have ever had, what with half the executive sleeping (?) under the tables as the night wore on. By the way I cannot find the records of that meeting, the only thing that resembles them are what appears to be primitive cave drawings, made by some prehistoric Siberian cave dweller. It now seems that I am faced with the task of getting into the same condition that I was in when I wrote them, so I can decipher them. Oh well, as a dedicated association member no sacrifice is too great.

The gun show at Regina is now history, and it was indeed history. The show was a greet success, and all who attended were treated to the largest display ever held on the prairies. The show was fully one third bigger than the last Regina show, and the displays showed a lot of imagination, and careful design. Cash was flowing around like it was going out of style, and more deals were made than I have ever seen before. The show was a financial success for the association, and I am sure that it was a success for all who attended. Speaking of attendance there were collectors there from Montana, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario.

As usual a social was held the night before and it was also well attended, and I think that the collectors who were there enjoyed themselves. From what my wife says I also had a good time.

The Manitoba Gun show was held at Rivers, Manitoba in November, and the show was very good. While not as large as the Regina show I always enjoy going to Rivers to see what is new, and to see what kind of deals can be made. As usual Fred Harvey did a swell job in arranging all the details, and the members who attended were treated to some of Fred's hospitality the night before. Well done Fred.

That about wraps up the association business for this issue, with no earth shaking events planned in the immediate future, and the association looking forward to a banner year in 1965. Speaking of 1965, the dues will be due shortly, so start saving up the four bucks for your membership.

As usual your secretary has been on the move since the last issue. Took my vacation down east this year and shot at the National Pistol Matches, and while in Ottawa did a little sightseeing. Now I have heard about the War Museum from time to time and thought it must really be the place to see. Just the name WAR MUSEUM means all sorts of weapons of Canada, guns from then to now, all sorts of experimental goodies, and military items galore. Well I saw more guns at the Rivers Gun Show than I did at the WAR MUSEUM, also I think the quality was better at Rivers.

What have they got at the WAR MUSEUM, well they have some ship models, some bombs, some torpedoes, an airplane, some uniforms, an old military car, and if you look closely you will see a general collection of assorted guns, not all military weapons of Canada, just an assortment of guns. One real nice item, however, is a Gatling gun, and it is a dandy. The only thing in the whole place that impressed me.

I was talking to someone in the know and he said "You should see the warehouse", to that I replied, "You should open the warehouse and close the museum". So much for Ottawa and the War Museum.

During the same trip I, also, visited a gun show at Aledo, Ill. A real nice show and I met a good number of collecting friends from south of the line. I did manage to spend a day at Camp Perry and watch the Pistol Matches, but will spend more space on these items in future issues.

Now I must close and start getting myself in condition to decipher those minutes from the last meeting.

A HISTORY OF THE BROWNING 9MM HI-POWER SERVICE PISTOL

John M. Browning originally conceived the design for the 9mm Hi-Power pistol in the early 1920's for the French Government which was looking for a powerful, rugged, accurate pistol with a large magazine capacity.

By 1927 Browning had pretty well perfected the basic design for the Hi-Power but his death delayed production for about eight years. In 1935 the Fabrique Nationale d'Armes de Guerre, located at Herstal, Belgium, finally started to produce and market the Hi-Power; it was Browning's last and finest gun. Indeed, the best military pistol in existence.

There were two basic pre-war Browning Hi-Powers; the civilian model with fixed sights and the police or military model with rear tangent sight graduated to 500 yards and a slotted frame to accommodate a shoulder-stock holster.

The Chinese Nationalist Army, prior to the Second World War, was equipped with the Military Model Hi-Power complete with shoulder stock holsters. These converted the pistol into a miniature carbine when attached by means of a slot in the rear of the grip. However, with the Nazi invasion and occupation of Belgium, the production of the F.N. factory was lost to the Chinese. Consequently, they had to look elsewhere for an alternate source or side-arms. The Nazis, of course, continued production for themselves.

The Toronto firm of John Inglis & Co. Ltd. was awarded a contract to manufacture, under license, Browning Hi-Powers for the Chinese Government. The Chinese sent several shoulder-stocked Military Hi-Powers and from these Inglis made their working models and drawings.

The Canadian made "Chinese" Brownings were basically the same as the Belgian model except that the Canadian guns were sandblasted before blueing in order to get a dull non-reflective finish and fitted with plastic grips; while the F.N. guns had a deep, lustrous, blued finish and were fitted with checkered walnut grips. The F.N. imprint on the slide was replaced with Inglis markings. Production got underway about 1943 and totalled roughly 150,000 pistols.

All were not of the Chinese model, however. When the Chinese contract had been filled, Inglis began producing Hi-Powers for the Greek, British and Canadian Governments. Most of these pistols did not have the tangent sight and were not slotted for the shoulder-stock holster. Inglis re-designed the rear sight by machining a raised block on top of the slide with the rear sight cut directly into it. The front sight was likewise mounted on a raised block atop the slide, the sight being dovetailed into the block for lateral adjustment.

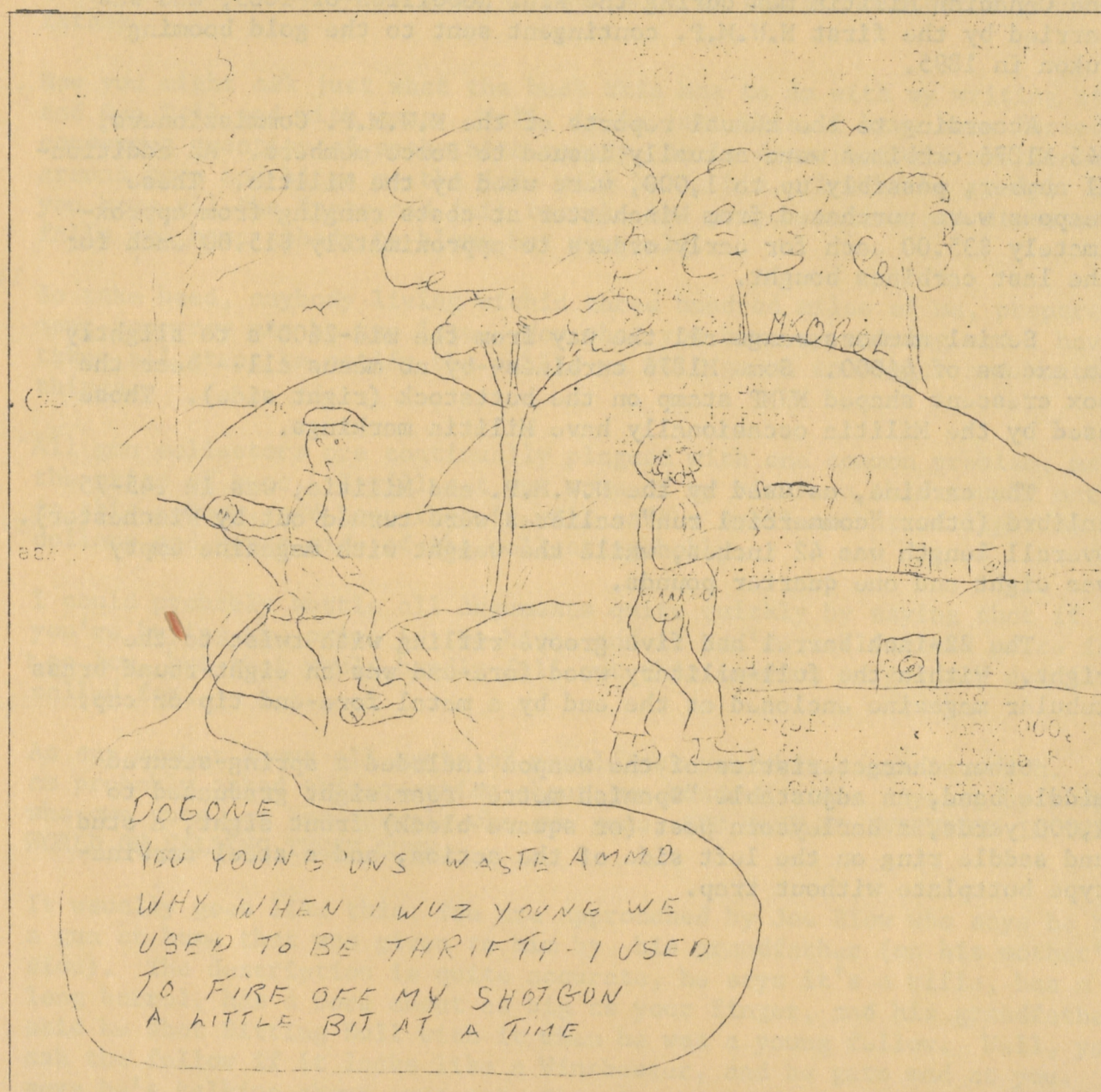
The Inglis-made Brownings issued to the British and Canadian Armed Forces were designated Mark 1 and Mark 1 Star; the latter being in the majority.

There is a general belief that the Inglis Browning is stronger than the F.N. Browning. This has apparently originated because Inglis Brownings are issued with Sten gun ammo. The theory seems to be that any pistol that will stand up to steady use of this load must be some

sort of Magnum. It isn't. The F.N. Browning will handle the Sten load with an equal degree of safety. In fact, the Hi-Power was adopted because of its ability to safely digest Sten loads. And to my mind it is the only pistol that will do so; any other 9mm pistol is liable to come apart if used with Sten loads. I might point out, however, that the Sten load does subject the Hi-Power to more wear and tear than regular 9mm Parabellum ammo and its sustained use is not recommended.

9mm Steno ammo has a muzzle velocity which varies from 1340 f.p.s. to a recorded high of 1478 f.p.s. depending on the lot number. Sten pressures average 35,820 p.s.i. but have been recorded as high as nearly 40,000 p.s.i.

J. D. ABELL



"O L D F A I T H F U L"

One of the more desirable items being sought by gun collectors today is the Model 1876 Winchester military carbine used by the North-West Mounted Police and Canadian Militia. The weapon was first issued in 1878 and was finally withdrawn from service in 1914.

It enjoyed a longer association with the Force than any other shoulder arm, and came to be fondly known by Mountie veterans as "Old Faithful". This rugged lever action shoulder arm saw rough service along the Canadian-United States border country in the wild and woolly 1870's; was used extensively in the hands of both Mounties and Canadian Militia men during the Riel Rebellion of 1885; and was carried by the first N.W.M.P. contingent sent to the gold booming Yukon in 1895.

According to the annual reports of the N.W.M.P. Commissioners, 846 M1876 carbines were actually issued to Force members. An additional number, possibly up to 1,000, were used by the Militia. These weapons were purchased from Winchester at costs ranging from approximately \$35.00 each for early orders to approximately \$15.00 each for the last carbines bought.

Serial numbers range all the way from the mid-2600's to slightly in excess of 46000. Some M1876 carbines--by no means all-- bear the box crescent shaped NWMP stamp on the buttstock (right side). Those used by the Militia occasionally have Militia markings.

The carbine, as used by the N.W.M.P. and Militia, was in .45-75 calibre (other "commercial run" calibres were turned out by Winchester). Overall length was 42 inches, while the weight with magazine empty was eight and one quarter pounds.

The 22-inch barrel had five groove rifling with twist to the right. Within the full-military wood fore-end was an eight-round brass tubular magazine enclosed at the end by a metal fore-end tip or cap.

Other characteristics of the weapon included a spring-secured middle band, an adjustable "Spanish metre" rear sight graduated to 1,000 yards, a barleycorn post (or square block) front sight, a stud and saddle ring on the left side of the action, and a steel carbine-type buttplate without trap.

GUN TALK WITH FRED

This issue of Gun Talk with Fred finds yours truly sitting in the basement again attempting to clear up a small mountain of unanswered correspondence, and do a little bit for the next issue of GUN TALK.

My writing style may be a little worse than usual as I am working in mortal fright. A fellow I met on the street the other day said that he has a cousin who works about forty miles south of here on a farm, and he has a friend who lives down the road, who has a small son who plays with one of the local children. Now, the boy who plays with the neighbor's son, who lives next to the cousin of the man who I met on the street, told a story that his grandfather had told him, and the gist of this story is that there was a rattle snake seen in that area by the grandfather's grandfather.

Now you might ask just what the heck this has to do with my writing style and Gun Talk and with guns. Well, it is just this, I have been forced to consume a quantity of snake bite remedy, so in case that old rattler comes around here and bites me the joke will be on him. I will be ready! When you have all the facts and fail to take the proper action and disaster befalls you have nobody to blame but yourself.

So take heed, anybody living within three hundred miles of me, prepare now, tomorrow may be too late. Now that you have my warning and I have taken all steps to notify the public we will go on to bigger and better things.

All gun collectors are continually plagued with one common problem, mainly the price of guns. I will set out some of my views on this touchy matter in this column, and hope that it will cast a small amount of light on the dollars and cents side of the collecting hobby.

I could probably settle all arguments quite quickly by saying that if you're buying the price is too high, and if you're selling the price is too low, but that would hardly fill out this column, so greater detail is called for.

As any member knows all sorts of people ask you what a gun is worth. I am probably asked this question about two hundred times a year, by people who own guns, or know people who own guns, AND HAVE NO INTENTION IN THE WORLD OF SELLING THESE GUNS.

It usually goes like this: You are approached by Joe Blow who says he has a gun at home that was given to him by his grandfather (on his mother's side). The description is quite accurate, he says it's a rifle, has a long barrel, has a bore about as big as your finger, and his grandfather said he shot Sitting Bull with it when he was a young fellow. Well, you ask the fellow if it looks like a Winchester, and he gets mad at you. He says he's talking about guns not cigarettes.

It gets worse after that so to get rid of the guy you tell him that you are familiar with the gun and it's a 452 Improved Elephant-Moose Express manufactured by the Crooked Bore Gun Works in Dixie and it's

worth ten bucks in mint condition. Then it happens, this friend who you met once in your life gets mad at you. He calls you a crook and is going to report you to the better business bureau. His remarks then question your parentage and he forecasts your destination on leaving this earth, and suggests that you buy a coal shovel on the lay-away plan, as you are bound to need it. It seems that "a collector from the States" offered him "ten thousand dollars CASH, and the Asperin Concession at our Gun Shows" for that very gun. He was afraid of being taken so he did not sell, and will not sell unless the guy throws in the Peanut Concession at the local Nut House.

This ever happen: Somebody comes to the house with a mint suicide special that he wants to unload. After the formalities he says "how much will you give me for it". Well, you are not particularly interested in the gun to start with and you offer him \$5.00. You then get the same routine again, parentage, destination, the works. It seems that he was just over to see Fellow Collector, Andy Moneybags, and Andy offered him \$75.00 for the gem, but our proud gun owner had turned him down, holding out for more money. This situation is easy to deal with, tell him you didn't want the gun in the first place and to hurry back to Andy before he changes his mind.

I had a classic sprung on me the other day. A collector asked me what a certain gun was worth, and even had the gun with him, a gun that was in somewhat less than mint condition, in fact somewhat less than good condition. After an examination I told him I thought it was worth \$40.00, a fair price for the gun in my estimation. I got the answer, "but that's a buying price, not a selling price".

I ask you, what are you going to do. I do know one thing, it is IMPOSSIBLE to determine the value of a gun without handling it, and a gun is worth only what somebody will pay for it, at the time you want to sell it. If you were offered \$100.00 for a gun by a collector at the Gun Show in Regina in 1962, and did not sell it at that time, and the guy who offered you the \$100.00 now only offers you \$75.00 for the same gun, YOU NOW OWN A SEVENTY FIVE DOLLAR GUN, until you get another offer for the hundred dollars.

There is no accurate dependable way of placing a value on a gun, except one way that will never catch on. If you own a gun that you paid ten dollars for, sell it for the ten bucks. I can say right now that this will never happen, it seems that all gun collectors consider themselves gun dealers, and must get a profit on anything that comes into their hands. If you buy a car for \$3,000.00 and keep it for two years you do not expect to sell it for \$3,500.00 when you are finished with it, but buy a gun for \$30.00 and everyone of us expect to sell it for \$50.00.

It is now time to close as I get the distinct feeling that I hear a rattle outside the basement window, and like the boy scouts, we must be prepared.

JOHN MOSES BROWNING

by

The Gunner

John Browning, who was without any doubt one of the greatest and most versatile of inventors in the firearms field, was born on January 23rd, 1855. He was the eldest son of his father's number three wife. His father, a Mormon, was living in Ogden at the time of his famous son's birth, where he carried on the trade of gunsmith. Jonathon, the father, was also an inventor, he built and sold two rather successful repeating percussion cap rifles. The first of these was a five shot slide magazine rifle of about .45 calibre and weighing a little less than 10 pounds. The second arm was another rifle of the same calibre weighing a little over two pounds more. This latter model was a six shot revolving cylinder rifle.

After his father's death John took over the Gunsmith's Shop and with the assistance of his brother Matt ran a fairly successful business.

In 1878 John invented his first rifle and filed the patents the following year. In the period up to 1883 he produced about six hundred of these single shot centre fire rifles. It was in this year that a salesman for Winchester came across one of these rifles. It had stamped on the barrel the words "Browning Bros., Ogden, Utah, U.S.A." and bore the serial number 463. He purchased the rifle for \$15.00 even though it showed lots of usage and signs of hard wear and tear and forwarded it to the factory. Within a week of its arrival T. G. Bennett, the Vice-President of Winchester, was on his way to Ogden to purchase the rifle. He bought it for \$10,000. and in 1885 it appeared on the market as the "Winchester Single Shot Model 1885" and was produced in over thirty different calibres for a grand total of 140,325 units.

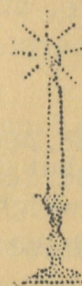
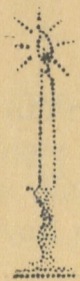
The following year 1866 Winchester put another rifle on the market and this was the first lever action rifle produced for the large capacity cartridges like the .45-70 and the .50-110-450. The Winchester Model 1886 was another of John Brownings inventions.

Here is a list of other guns invented by him with some data on them:

1. Winchester, Model 1890, pump action repeating rifle, calibre . 22 rifle. 2,106,475 units produced in 69 years.
2. Winchester, Model 1892, lever action repeating rifle, calibres .44-40; .38-40; .32-20; .25-20. Discontinued in 1941 after 1,034,687 units had been produced.
3. Winchester, Model 1894, lever action repeating rifle, calibres .32-40; .38-55; .25-35; .32 Special and .30-30. Still in production with 2,500,000 units produced to date.
4. Winchester, Model 1895, lever action repeating rifle, calibres .30 U.S.; .38-72; .40-72; .303 British; 405 Winchester .30-'03; .30-'06; .35 Win; 7.62 mm Russian.

- Discontinued 1931 with 425,881 units manufactured.
5. Winchester, Model 1900, bolt action single shot, calibre .22 long and shot. 105,000 units produced.
 6. Winchester, Model 1902, bolt action single shot, calibre .22 long and shot. 640,300 units manufactured.
 7. Winchester, Model 1904, bolt action single shot, calibre .22 long and shot. 302,860 units produced.
 8. Winchester, Model 99, known as the Thumb Trigger model. 75,433 units produced.
 9. Winchester, Model 36, Shotgun. 20,306 units produced.
 10. Winchester, Model 58. 38,992 units produced.
 11. Winchester, Model 59. 9,293 units produced.
 12. Winchester, Model 60. 165,754 units produced.
 13. Winchester, Model 68, 100,730 units produced.
 14. Remington (also F.N.) Semi-automatic rifle, calibres .25; .30; .32; .35 Remington. (Models 8, Models 81 or Woodsmaster.)
 15. Browning (F.N.) Semi-automatic rifle in .22 calibre.
 16. F.N. pump action repeating rifle (not produced in U.S.A.).
 17. Winchester, Model 1887, lever action shotgun, calibres .10 and 12 gauge. 78,355 units produced.
 18. Winchester, Model 1893, pump-action shotgun, .2 gauge only. 34,050 units produced.
 19. Winchester, Model 1897, pump action shotgun, calibre - 12 and 16 gauge. 1,240,700 units produced.
 20. Stevens, Model 520, pump action shotgun, 12 gauge only.
 21. Remington, Model 17, pump action shotgun in hunting and police models. The latter had no butt but rather a pistol grip, calibre 20 gauge.
 22. Remington and Browning Fabrique Nationale, auto loading shotguns, calibre 12, 20 and 16 gauge. (Also produced a riot and police special with extra short barrels).
 23. Over/Under Shotgun. Fabrique Nationale and Browning, calibre 12, 20, 28 and .410 and 16 gauges.

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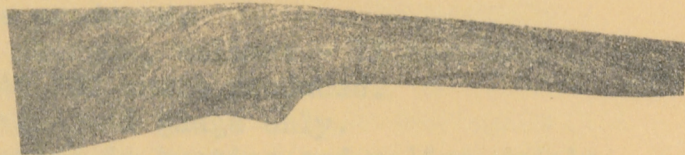
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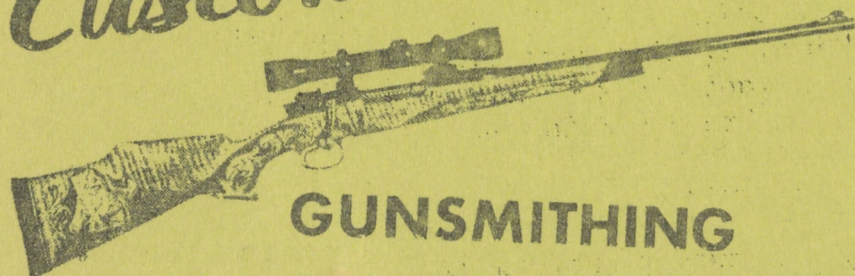
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